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Date: May 14, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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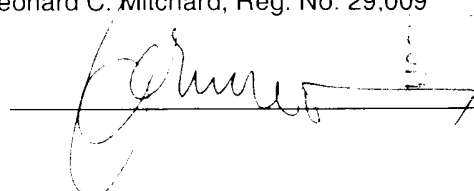
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed March 29, 2001, please amend this application as follows. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 12, 2001, together with a three month extension request.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Twice amended) A composite material comprising a particulate inorganic filler material and a fibrous polymeric material wherein the fibrous polymeric material comprises molecularly oriented polymeric fibers of maximum dimension 1 mm and a recrystallised melt phase, the fibers and melt phase being of the same polymer and being derived from common molecularly oriented